

## Abstract

Title of the invention: Plug-in electronic module and method  
for connecting a plug-in electronic module to a holding  
5 structure

The present invention relates to a plug-in electronic module  
which has: a housing, an electronic component arranged in the  
housing, at least one external electrical contact connected to  
10 the electronic component, where the electronic module can be  
plugged into a holding structure such that the external  
electrical contacts on the module come into contact with  
associated electrical contacts on a coupling partner during  
the plug-in operation, and a mechanical protective apparatus  
15 which protects the electrical contacts from mechanical contact  
when the module is not plugged in and which exposes the  
electrical contacts when the module has been plugged into the  
holding structure, so that they can come into contact with  
associated electrical contacts on the coupling partner. The  
20 invention also relates to a method for connecting such an  
electronic module to a holding structure.